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CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD TO HOST ANNUAL "BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY"

HARTFORD, Conn. - Maj. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, Adjutant General and Commander of the Connecticut National Guard, announced the 21st annual, "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny," will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at the William A. O'Neill Armory in Hartford, Conn.

The event – open to members of the Connecticut National Guard and their families – provides children an opportunity to meet the Easter Bunny and participate in other festivities to include a pancake breakfast.

"We are asking more of our Guardsmen and their families than ever before, and we are grateful for their sacrifices," said Martin. "Events like this are just one small way we give back and say thank you to some of Connecticut's military families."

Since September 11, 2001, the Connecticut National Guard has placed special emphasis on the Family Support Program, having mobilized and deployed over 7,000 Soldiers and Airmen in support of the Global War on Terror.

Currently, 70 members of the Connecticut National Guard are deployed in support of operations around the world.

This event is open to the media beginning at 10 a.m.

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Media Advisory

Media are welcome to arrive any time <u>after 10:00 a.m</u>. All media must enter through the front doors. No exceptions will be made to accommodate media parking on the side of the building. Please present identification at the front desk. You will be further directed by security. Media can contact Maj. Mike Petersen at 860-883-5336 with questions and to coordinate in advance.

Directions to 360 Broad Street, Hartford, CT 06105:

Going East on I-84: Take the Capitol Ave. Exit 48B. Take a right at the end of the ramp, and your first right on to Armory Street Extension. The Legislative Office Buildings will be on your right.

Going West on I-84: Take the Asylum Street Exit 48. Turn right at the light, then immediately take the left fork, which is Farmington Avenue. Turn left at the next light onto Broad Street. After one light, the State Armory will be on your left, take the next left into the Legislative Office Building driveway and continue left to park alongside the east side of the building (between the State Armory and LOB Garage)

From I-91, Northbound and Southbound: Take the Capitol Area Exit 29A. Follow the Whitehead Highway; go halfway around the rotary onto Elm St., left onto Trinity St., and bear right onto Capitol Ave. Take the first right after the I-84 on/off ramps and continue straight to the State Armory.

Parking: Limited parking is available on the EAST side of the Armory (between the Armory and LOB Parking Garage). Television production vehicles must be coordinated with Maj. Mike Petersen at 860-524-4857 or michael.t.petersen.mil@mail.mil.